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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOW RELIGIOUS MEETINGS

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED WEEKEND RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN SHIRAZ AND KERMANSHAH. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS "THOUSANDS" OF PEOPLE CONGREGATED AT THE FRIDAY MOSQUE TO HEAR SHIRAZI MULLAH DASTGHEIB SPEAK ON JUNE 29. UPON LEAVING THE MOSQUE, CROWD STARTING CHANTINGS LOGANS AND RIOTING WHICH BROUGHT REACTION BY POLICE WHO USED TEARGAS TO END THE DEMONSTRATION.

2. IN ANOTHER RELIGIOUS-ORIENTED DEMONSTRATION A REPORTED 5,000 PEOPLE LEFT THE MOTAZADI MOSQUE IN KERMANSHAH AND PROCEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE ON JULY 1. WINDOWS AT THE LOCAL BANK SADERAT AND BANK PARS WERE SMASHED AND SECURITY GUARDS USED TEARGAS AND HIGH PRESSURE WATER HOSES TO DISPERSE THE DEMONSTRATORS. PRESS REPORTED 12 ARRESTS.

3. COMMENT: PRESS HEADLINES APPEAR GROSSLY OVERBLOWN. CONSULATE SHIRAZ STAFF, UNABLE TO CONFIRM SUCH LARGE GATHERING, WAS TOLD BY SHIRAZ CHIEF OF POLICE SALARIE THAT
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THERE WAS SMALL DEMONSTRATION JUNE 29 FOLLOWING TALK BY WELL KNOWN MULLAH DASTGHEIB. SALARIE TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER THAT NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. FROM ON-THE-SCENE REPORTS, DEMONSTRATION IN KERMANSHAH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN EQUALLY OVERPUBLICIZED. WE BELIEVE-BUT HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED-THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE INSPIRED BY PRO-KHOMEINI RELIGIOUS LEADERS.
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